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Civic Pride Leads To Economic Growth

For many years I have been coming to Appomattox for short visits but this winter I spent two months in our town. This gave me the opportunity to shop in various stores and businesses. It amazed me that so many people drive to Lynchburg when comparable values can be had in Appomattox. Even though goods and services are a few cents cheaper in Lynchburg, and I am not sure they are, the high price of gasoline would more than offset the savings.

Rather than omit some firms and "plug" others I will not mention names. Your hardware stores are unbelievable as they handle all the expected utilitarian products plus gift items suitable for every occasion. I could do all my Christmas shopping in either one. Your florist and gift shop is superior to those I have seen in large cities. Fine food at low prices can be had at your restaurants. In Ohio the prices would be from two to three times as high with lower quality.

I have been in only one of your car dealerships and was pleasantly surprised to learn they pick up and return cars after doing a lube job and oil change. I shudder to think what an Ohio service department manager would say to such a practice.

Going to Lynchburg is fun and I do do not blame anyone for enjoying a jaunt up there but make an effort to purchase only what you cannot find in Appomattox. If the current trend continues all the home town shops will be gone and this is not accidental. In the past few years I have seen several stores go out of business with much lamenting by everyone. No one seems to see himself as the culprit in the "cause and effect" of this tragedy. Had the closed businesses been patronized fully there would have been no need to close their doors permanently. A few days notice can be sold if the owner wants to retire. So the only reason a firm folds is because it is losing money.

It is true there are some articles not available in Appomattox. They must be acquired elsewhere but think before running off to Lynchburg to buy what is to be had at home.

So you won't label me as a "Pollyanna" I would like to say, why can't we buy a good tasting loaf of bread in Appomattox?

Judy Hoffman

coming to view land as a resource to be conserved rather than a commodity only to be bought and sold. Our very existance is dependent upon the top 6 inches of lands and if for example, our best farm lands are not protected for agricultural purpose I believe that grave consequences could result for us and the generations to follow.

I believe that most citizens of Appomattox have deep roots here and will spend the remainder of their lives here and most, I believe, hope that their children will also be able to find a place in Appomattox County. That which is our future in terms of community planning will be our children's heritage. Who can better determine the future of Appomattox County than us, its citizens, because we are the ones who have the most to gain from proper planning and the most to lose if we don't?

Zoning is not new for Appomattox; the Town of Appomattox has had a zoning ordinance since 1969. I believe that many will agree that this ordinance has worked to help protect the properties of the citizens of the Town of Appomattox. After all a home generally is the largest expenditure that a family will ever make and zoning can work to protect that investment for its intended use. Few of us are wealthy enough to purchase enough land to provide such protection around us without zoning.

A zoning administrator and Board of Zoning Appeals have very limited authority and this is specified by State law. What is a permitted use and what is a conditional use is stated and the zoning administrator cannot interpret the ordinance to the contrary.

All proposed zoning districts generally reflect existing uses as permitted. In other words the attempt is to protect the community integrity. In simple terms if an application for a use of a different nature than that established by this ordinance were received then all affected citizens would have a voice in whethr or not this application would be approved.

Article IV of this proposed ordinance specifies that a non-conforming use, subject to certain conditions, can be continued and nowhere does the proposed ordinance permit same to be discontinued by law simply because it offends neighbors.

Let's say that you are located in proposed Agricultural District A-1 which probably comprises at least 90 percent of the county and let's say a junkyard, a quarry or surface mining operation, a mobile home park (and others see proposed ordinance) wanted to locate near you, then, in simple terms, you would have a voice as to whether or not it would be permitted in your community.

The proposed ordinance is too lengthy to explain in one letter but this ordinance was developed by concerned citizens of this county who freely gave of their time to develop this proposed ordinance for the consideration of the citizens of this county. All of these citizens have strong ties to the soil and many are farmers.

I believe that two questions must now be answered: 1. Do the citizens feel a need for the protection that zoning can offer and 2. Does the ordinance as proposed provide this protection?

If the answer to question number one is in the affirmative then please study the ordinance as it applies to you and advise of what additions or corrections should be made so that the appropriate changes can be made in order that this can be an ordinance that will serve in the best interest of all the citizens of this county.

I welcome any comments on the above.

W. S. Slagle

Letters To The Editor

The **Times-Virginian**
Appomattox, Virginia
Dear Sir

I would like to take this opportunity to express the sincere appreciation of the High School for the total support we receive from the **Times-Virginian** and its entire staff. The close working relationship established by the **Times-Virginian** with Appomattox County High School allows the High School to communicate with the total population of Appomattox County. In my travels around the state I have never seen such a close and concerned working relationship between a high school and the information services.

Thank you for being our No. 1 supporter.

Sincerely,
Cecil B. Tillery, Principal
John E. McLean,
Assistant Principal

April 30, 1975

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan,
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia 24522
Dear. Lloyd:

I just want to thank you for putting the picture in the paper week before last of our Boy Scout meeting at Maude's. As a result of that article in the paper, I received a check to the scouts from Bill Cumbey, of Alexandria, Virginia.

Bill was born and raised in this county, but has been away for many, many years. He saw the picture and write-up in **The Times-Virginian** and sent me a check.

Thanks again!

With all good wishes and kindnest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
W. M. Abbitt

Letter to the Times-Virginians
TO: The Parents of ACHS Students who took the Senior Class trip to Washington, D. C.

In the past ten years I have had the experience of going on many trips with high school groups and organizations. Recently I escorted, along with several other chaperones, the Seniors at Appomattox County High School on a class trip to Washington, D.C. The trip involved two days of activity which required the utmost cooperation from every Senior Class member in order that all the items on the scheduled agenda might be met.

I would like to publicly state to those students who took the trip that they conducted themselves most properly. I do not feel that the chaperones could have asked more from anyone in the group. It was indeed a pleasure to take the trip and I am sure that all the chaperones experienced a great deal of pride in being affiliated with the Senior Class of Appomattox County High School. I think this is certainly a tribute to the class and to the parents of these fine young men and women.

Senior Class Chaperones

This is in reference to a letter in the April 24, 1975 issue of the **Times-Virginian** newspaper regarding the proposed Appomattox County Zoning Ordinance.

I agree with the writer of that letter as he stresses the importance of this proposed Zoning Ordinance and its implications for Appomattox County and I also commend the writer for taking the time and effort to express his views. However, I have a different perspective to offer.

The matter of zoning can be a very emotional matter as many people, feel that this is an erosion of their individual "property rights" and to a certain extent that is true. It will remove some options.

We have all heard the phrase "They are not making any more land" and that is also very true. As our population grows and as our business and industrial base expands it will become more evident that if we are to preserve and pass on to succeeding generations that **quality of life** that we now enjoy we must plan **now** for our future. Increasingly we are

The Pastor Speaks

The Church
by
The Rev. E. M. Peoples, Jr.
Vicar, St. Anne's Episcopal Church

To what Church do you belong? Protestant or Catholic? Are you a Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, or Methodist? Possibly you are in no way related to the Church!

One thing for sure: the Church is different. It is different from any other organization or club. No matter what Church you attend (or don't attend), the Church is different. It is so because God created it, not man. The Church is God's. The Church was created by God for man. Often times we get that confused, don't we? We think WE created the Church for God!

One reason many people reject the Christian Church is because we Christians lead them to believe that the Church was created by us for us. We make of the Church just another Club.

The Church is God's. He created it and entrusted it to man. That's a great deal of responsibility, isn't it? To be entrusted with God's Church.

Our Lord Jesus is the President of the Church. He is the Head. He is the focal point of the Church. When He is not, we must check our sights. Maybe we're worshiping the wrong person.

Anyone who has been Baptized is a member of the Church. We often change our membership from particular Church bodies, but we all belong to the same Church (God's) because we all worship the same Lord and all have been baptized in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

You and I are different in numberless ways. We do, however, have in common our Baptisms, our Lord, and His Church.

Thanks to be God.

The Sunday School Lesson

HERBERT C. BRADSHAW
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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sun., May 11, 1975.
Topic: Moral Imperatives
Scripture: Leviticus 19

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Leviticus 19:18

A popular writer on psychological subjects a generation ago, Henry C. Link, declared on one of his books, "The Rediscovery of Man," that "human nature can no more tolerate a liberal interpretation of its moral axioms than science can of its mathematical axioms." The moral laws which have been given the human race can no more be relaxed or disregarded with impunity than can the natural laws. In this conclusion we are brought face to face with the reality that human beings must live according to moral standards or **wreck** their lives.

The wording of the topic of this week's International Sunday School lesson, Moral Imperatives, supports Dr. Link's statement. An imperative is something one must do. The moral imperatives constitute that standard and those guidelines by which a person must live if he is not to destroy himself and his personality and make wreckage of his life.

Moral axioms or imperatives or truths are more clearly and more definitely set forth in the Scriptures than in any other source. They constitute one of the principal themes of the Old Testament. They involve the individuals's duty to God and his duty to his fellow man. They are concerned with those with whom man must live: we must live with God, and we must live with each other. The moral axioms given in the Scriptures show us how we are to live with both.

Just as the covenant relationship between God and people is based upon God's deliverance of people (of Israel from slavery in Egypt, of believers from bondage to sin), so the moral axioms which are essential for human well-being are founded upon God's holiness. "You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy," was the premise God gave for calling Israel to keep the moral laws.

Just as axioms are basic in mathematics, so the moral axioms are basic. They are self-evident truths. Man did not devise or develop them, but a benefient Creator revealed them, and the experience of the human race has confirmed their validity. That observance of the moral axioms is essential to the well-being of the individual derives from God's creation of man in His image. Unless man cultivates in himself the qualities characteristic of God, he fails to nurture the image in which he was created. When he ignores or refuses to cultivate these qualities he abuses the pattern of his creation and violates the integrity of his personality as much as he violates the integrity of his physical body when he throws himself from the top of a 10-story building.

License and immorality, the violation of the moral axioms, wreck the individual and society. The question of freedom enters, and there is no doubt that the individual is free to indulge in license (though he is in danger of running afoul of the law) and to be immoral. But the test of manhood and woman hood is to exercise freedom responsibly and to choose the course which will truly benefit the individual. Exploring the problems of "Faith and Morality in the Secular Age," his book under that title, Bernard Haring starts from the position that "time cannot alter the spirit, truth and intrinsic value of Christian morality; at all times, we are to live according to the Gospel message and strive for that maturity measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ."

The moral laws, revealed by God and recorded in Scripture, delivered by Moses to Israel

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Garrett Saturday night. They visited Mrs. E. C. Jennings Sunday afternoon.

Mr. John Moore was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday. Dinner guest in this home were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henderson and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hillsman, Ida and Randy Moore.

The film, The Gospel Road, was presented at Trinity Church Sunday night with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard and Kim and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin Sunday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin were Mrs. Gertrude Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracy, Ricky Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jamerson.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and girls were Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore.

Melanie Morris spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tuck and Miss Kathy Tuck.

Mr. George Moore of Roanoke, is spending today with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore.

Mrs. H. C. Moore spent the weekend with Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr.

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